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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Lloyd Eagan, Director
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Dear Ms. Eagan:

Pursuant to Section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the ozone attainment demonstration and post 1999 Rate of Progress (ROP) submitted on December 22, 2000. These documents contain 2002, 2005, and 2007 Volatile Organic Compounds and Oxides of Nitrogen Motor Vehicle Emission Budget's (MVEB) for Milwaukee severe ozone area, the Manitowoc moderate ozone area, and the Sheboygan ozone maintenance area. USEPA has determined that the submitted MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes.

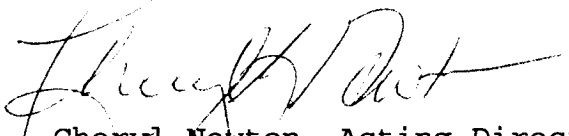
The Transportation Conformity Rule spells out limited technical and administrative criteria that USEPA must use to determine the adequacy of submitted MVEBs for transportation conformity purposes. USEPA also described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted MVEBs in a May 14, 1999, memorandum entitled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999, Conformity Court Decision." USEPA followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination. USEPA opened two public comment periods on the adequacy of the submitted MVEBs by posting them to the USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality's adequacy review website (www.epa.gov/otag/transp/conform/adequacy.htm) on February 7, 2001. The comment period closed on March 7, 2001, and no comments were received.

USEPA will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this finding.

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If you have any questions regarding this finding, please feel free to call me or Michael Leslie of my staff, at (312) 353-6680.

Sincerely yours,



Cheryl Newton, Acting Director
Air and Radiation Division